

Caravan Parks – Regulations

Ms FINLAY question to MINISTER for SMALL BUSINESS and CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Constituents from Beauty Point have asked that I highlight two matters in parliament today: legislation to regulate caravan parks, especially for long-stay residents, and working with vulnerable people registrations for all caravan park staff.

What is the timeframe for assessing and processing the consultation responses? How many responses were received? How long will it take to formulate the legislation? Can you please advise a date for bringing legislation to parliament, and does the responsible minister regard the need for legislation as urgent? A lack of regulation puts caravan park residents at risk with no fire plan, no bush plan, no evacuation plan, no designated emergency assembly area, no fire evacuation drill, no appointed fire wardens, no fire hoses, et cetera.

Do you as minister or the Attorney-General understand the urgent need to protect a wider cohort of vulnerable Tasmanians at risk? Do you understand this group has no protection or right of appeal, or a designated agency to report physical and mental abuse? A clear case of negligence and a failure on the part of agencies –

The SPEAKER - The member's time for asking the constituency question has expired.